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ABSTRACT

Polymorphisms were searched in 24 varieties with large planted acreages in Japan, and the polymorphic sites were compared among the varieties. Thus, polymorphic markers that can be used to distinguish varieties in a simple and quick manner were obtained. The markers showed distinct patterns for each of the varieties, demonstrating that their combination would enable the varieties to be distinguished. Thus, the inventors succeeded in obtaining molecular markers that can distinguish 24 rice varieties. The use of these markers enables closely related rice varieties to be distinguished and identified at the DNA level.